chartering haj flights during haj season- 2000. The bids of other five parties were rejected by the Haj Tender Committee because they did not confirm to technical requirements and did not furnish the required documentation.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

Operation of International Flights from Guwahati Airport

1982.DR. (SMT.) JOYASREE GOSWAMIMAHANTA: Will the Minister of CTVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether necessary arrangements have been made and any date fixed for starting operation of International flights to and from Guwahati Airport which is being upgraded as an International Airport;

(b) if so, what is the date from which such flights will become operational; and

(c) whether it is a fact that Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport is going to deal with the traffic only of the South Asian countries?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi Airport, Guwahati is a Model Airport and works relating to Arrival Hall and the extension of apron to accommodate six aircraft have been completed. The works relating to expansion of domestic terminal building, strengthening of runway, central airconditioning of terminal building and construction of operational boundary wall are in progress. Commencement of international flights will depend upon the demand and commercial viability of operation. No airline operator has indicated its plan to start international flights so far.

Delay in Services of IC-470

1983.SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of days in a month the Indian Airlines flights IC- 470 was on scheduled time;

(b) whether it is a fact that it remains delayed for 20 days in a month, if so, the action taken by Government in this regard;

(c) whether Government would consider this situation as delay in flight or something less; and